

REMARKS

Claims 25-30 and 41-47 are pending in the application, of which claim 25 is independent. Applicant has amended claim 25 and canceled claim 40. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are requested.

The Examiner rejected claim 25 and its dependent claims 26-30 and 41-47. However, the Examiner indicated that previously pending claim 40, which depended from claim 25, would be in condition for allowance if rewritten to include all of the limitations of its base claim (claim 25). Applicants amended claim 25 to include the limitations of previously pending claim 40 and canceled claim 40. Applicants therefore request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 25-30 and 41-47.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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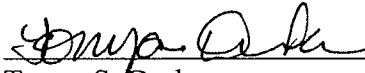
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